TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

TRINITY'S ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON ON JUNE 20

Trinity's annual senior luncheon for our esteemed seniors age 80 and over will be Saturday, June 20 at noon. If you are in this age group, you should have received an invitation in the mail. If you didn't, please contact the church office. We want all our esteemed seniors to be included! If you would like to help host or assist with the meal, please reach out to Pastor Suzanne.

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The day belongs to you!
The night too!
You established both the moon and the sun. You set all the boundaries of the earth in place.
Summer and winter?
You made them!
-Psalm 74: 16-17 (CEB)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Ben

Spring has sprung and summer is upon us! With schools having let out, we see a flurry of new activity and new opportunities. More people are grilling out, hiking, and taking advantage of summer opportunities as kids go to summer camp and families go to the Moseys on Main Street. One of the things that I like about Trinity is that during the summer, we find different opportunities to come alongside our sister churches to worship and come together!

One of our summer traditions being Worship in the Street, which will be happening on Sunday morning, July 5th! Another ecumenical opportunity is pastors Ben, Luis, and Joél (from First Christian and St. John's Episcopal) will be starting another way for us to come together: Theology on Tap! Beginning June 10 at 7 p.m. over at Nine Irish Brothers in West Lafayette, this will be an opportunity for us to come together in community for fun, fellowship, and theological discussions on topics such as "Who is our Neighbor?"

Other events are in the works, such as bonfires on the green like last year, while other opportunities for connection and growth are ongoing like the Spiritual Friends group that Pastor Suzanne leads on Mondays at 11 a.m. and Sunday morning class with Pastor Ben at 9 a.m.

I know that all of these things (and more!) are already in this newsletter — but I felt that it was important to emphasize them. We have all heard and been reminded of Ecclesiastes 3 sharing that everything has a season. For many, summer is a time of rest and provides opportunities to do those things are impossible to fit in during the more structured school year schedule. Just as we need those times in our lives where we work, we also need to be cognizant of those times that we need to rest; or create, or be in community, or find solace in solitude. Sometimes, what we need for our mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health is to shift those metaphorical "gears" in our lives and try something different or new.

So let me encourage you this summer: whether it's something that only comes about this time of the year that you know has rejuvenated you in the past, or it's something that is in its inaugural run that has piqued your interest, take advantage of the ebb and flow of the season and try something new to you! Who knows — maybe trying that class for the first time or joining with our siblings in Christ from other churches will be just what you needed to reconnect with God and yourself!

DISCIPLESHIP

MONDAY SUMMER CONNECTION

During the summer months, the Spiritual Friends group that meets on Mondays at 11 a.m. will continue to gather most weeks for fellowship, inspiration, and prayer. Pastor Suzanne leads this group and will bring a devotional and reflection. Coffee is served, and the friendship and conversation is wonderful! All are welcome as schedules allow. The dates for Summer Connection in June are June 8, 15, 22, and 29.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join Pastors Joél from St. John's Episcopal Church, Luis from First Christian Church, and Ben from right here at Trinity as they come together for theological discussion, fun, and friendship through "Theology on Tap." Beginning June 10, they will meet every other Wednesday night at 7 p.m. through August at O'Bryan's Nine Irish Brothers in West Lafayette as we discuss, "Who is our Neighbor?"

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

Our next Second Sunday Lunch will be after church on Sunday, June 14 in the Great Room. Bring a dish to share and stick around for food and fellowship. Not sure what to bring? We can always use more main dishes! All are welcome!

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Trinity's Ladies Night Out will start with a Tuesday, June 16th get-together for dinner at Tick Tock Tavern and Family Eatery at 6 p.m. The address is 1816 N. 9th St. Rd., Lafayette, IN 47904. Call Lisa Brown at 765-426-3839 if you can join us or email Monica McDougal (monica@trinitylafayette.org) by Sunday, June 14. To request assistance with the meal, reach out to Pastor Suzanne by calling or texting her at 765-430-4648 by no later than Sunday evening. The more the merrier!

SUMMER BONFIRE ON THE SOUTH LAWN

All are invited to a summer bonfire on the South Lawn on Wednesday, June 17 beginning at 7 p.m. (weather permitting). Bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun time with friends! If you don't have a lawn chair, you can use one of Trinity's folding chairs! Pastor Mack will be supplying the fixings for hot dogs and s'mores! Questions? Reach out to Pastor Mack via email at mack@trinitylafayette.org or call the office at 765-742-1288.

CONDOLENCES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JACKIE JANZ

A Celebration of Life for Jackie Janz, mother of Craig Shaeffer and mother-in-law of Monica Shaeffer, Trinity's Director of Music, will be held in the Trinity Great Room on Saturday, June 13, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All are invited to join the Shaeffer family as they remember and honor Jackie's life.

MISSIONS & JUSTICE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, June 28 at 4:30 p.m., Trinity will host a Blessing of the Animals on the south lawn. All God's critters and their caretakers are invited. Pets must be caged or leashed to attend. For pets who don't travel well or play well with others, owners may bring a photo or display a picture on their phone for a blessing. This is sponsored by Trinity's Missions & Justice team as an expression of love for our furry, feathery, and slimy neighbors. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Suzanne.

REFRESHMENT FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Did you know that Trinity has two snack stations that anyone can utilize when a neighbor comes to us for assistance? In the usher's closet in the area behind the sanctuary, bags containing bottled water, protein bars, crackers, and other non-perishable items are ready and can be distributed to anyone who comes to us in need. A sheet of downtown food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other assistance is also included. If a neighbor approaches you for help, you can offer one of these bags. Snack bags are also located in the main office. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Suzanne.

VOLUNTEER WITH US: FRESH MARKET ON JUNE 27

On Saturday, June 27 from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., all are welcome to volunteer at Food Finders' Fresh Market on Greenbush Street. Many of the regular volunteers for Food Finders are not available in the summer, so Trinity is lending volunteer support to fill this urgent need for help. This is a "neighbor-facing' opportunity during a busy time at the Market and we have a goal of providing 10 volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the vestibule. Please contact Dinah Dalder for questions (765-714-2278 or dalder@purdue.edu).

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

PHOTOS FROM MAY'S PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

In early May,. Pastor Mack and volunteers, Juliet Shaeffer and Finn McDowell, provided free childcare for Trinity parents so they could enjoy a night out.

Pastor Mack provides food for the kiddos and then they play games, do crafts, and have fun few hours while their parents grab dinner, run errands, or just take a much needed break.

Check out the pictures at right and stay tuned for details when we schedule another event!

If you have questions about Trinity's youth and family ministries or would like to learn about how you can support Pastor Mack, Trinity's kids, and our young families, then reach out to Pastor Mack via his work email at mack@trinitylafayette.org.

SAVE-THE-DATES

WORSHIP IN THE STREET

This year's Worship in the Street will be on Sunday, July 5 at 10 a.m. on 6th Street between Trinity and First Christian Church. This event is a morning of collaborative worship between Trinity and other historic downtown churches. All are welcome!

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Micah Cassiday	**06/06**
Daniel Foltz	**06/08**
Weng Chew	**06/09**
Jan Wagner	**06/10**
Maralyn Morgan	**06/17**
Jan Shoaf	**06/18**
Alice Masterson	**06/23**
Gail Billings	**06/24**

Is your birthday missing? We're sorry about that! Reach out to the church office, so we can update our records.

OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, JUNE 4 FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The pastoral staff will be in Indianapolis 6/3 through 6/6 for the Indiana Conference of the UMC's Annual Conference.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

BUILDING OPENERS
6/7: Brooks Leftwich
6/14: TBD
6/21: Jessi-Alex Brandon
6/28: Nate Yoran

USHERS:
6/7: Brooks Leftwich
6/14: Weng Chew &
Chew Chin Phua
6/21: Kay Franscoviak
6/28: Jeff Caster

GREETERS:
6/7: Norma Jean Singley &
Kay Franscoviak
6/14: Norma Jean Singley &
Kay Franscoviak
6/21: Jenny Taylor
6/28: Jenny Taylor

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 **OFFICE CLOSED**	5	6
			Annual Conference (St. Luke's UMC – Indy)			
7 **9A** Sunday School (GR) **10:30A** Worship (Sanc)	8 **11A** Spiritual Friends: Monday Connection (GR)	9 **11:15A** Fowler Bible Study (Fowler Apts.)	10 **7P** Theology on Tap (9Irish W. Lafayette)	11	12	13 **2P** Celebration of Life: Jackie Janz (GR)
14 **9A** Sunday School (GR) **10:30A** Worship (Sanc) **11:30A** 2nd Sun Lunch (GR)	15 **11A** Spiritual Friends: Monday Connection (GR)	16 **6P** Ladies' Night Out (Tick Tock Tavern)	17 **7P** Bonfire (Lawn)	18	19	20 **12P** Senior Luncheon (GR)
21 **9A** Sunday School (GR) **10:30A** Worship (Sanc)	22 **11A** Spiritual Friends: Monday Connection (GR)	23 **9A** Staff Meeting (Office) **11:15A** Fowler Bible Study (Fowler Apts.)	24 **7P** Theology on Tap (9Irish W. Lafayette)	25	26	27
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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WORSHIP WITH US:
Sundays at 10: 30 a.m.

MISSION & VISION:

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision: Embracing all to experience and share God's love.

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